Mr. P. A. Kasim: The goods are distributed to each locality according to its importance.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*): May I know whether the Commissioner is inspecting the accounts kept by the merchants?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: Yes, Sir. In regard to the mill cloths, accounts are maintained.

Mr. K. S. Joseph (*Mavelikara and Thiruvella* cum *Pattanamthitta*): Will the honourable member explain what he means by "importance of the localities?" Is there any difference in importance between places and places?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: Certain urban areas are in need of more cloth than the rural areas.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Sir, I know that there are pakuthies in the State which have received no quota so far. I brought it to the notice of the Commissioner.

Mr. P. A. Kasim: Sir, I assure the honourable member that it will be considered.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Sir, it is stated in the answer that there is nobody to supervise the distribution. The merchant sells it according to his will and pleasure. There is no authority to supervise the distribution.

Mr. P. A. Kasim: Sir, that is answer to question No. 62. The question is whether there is any Rationing authority to supervise the distribution, and the answer is 'no.'

Distribution of Cloth.

62 * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether there is any Taluk Rationing Authority to supervise and control the distribution of cloth allotted to each taluk;

(*b*) whether the distribution of cloth is made by means of ration cards;

(*c*) whether any distribution is made by means of special coupons; and

(*d*) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, the quantity so distributed in the months of February, March, April and May?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: (*a*) There is no rationing authority,

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (c).

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know how Government can control the distribution?

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Mr. P. A. Kasim: There are Textile Inspectors who are controlling the distribution and supervising it.

Distribution of yarn.

63 * **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Taluk Committees for the distribution of yarn have been constituted in all taluks having weaving centres; and

(*b*) whether the local Tahsildars are co-operating with the committees in their work of distribution of yarn?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: (*a*) Taluk Committees have been constituted in 19 taluks till now.

(*b*) Yes.

Complaint about black market dealings in Cloth.

64. * **Mr. K. C. Chandy** (*Todupuzha* cum *Minachil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Additional Textile Commissioner has received from the Lawyers' Co-operative Store Ltd., Kottayam, any complaint alleging specific instances of black market dealings in cloth;

(*b*) the date on which such complaint was received;

(*c*) the nature of the action, if any, taken thereon;

(*d*) whether the said store had not brought to the direct notice of the Chief Secretary that no action has been taken so far by the Additional Textile Commissioner; and

(*e*) whether any action has been taken on the said complaint subsequent to the date on which the matter was brought to the notice of the Chief Secretary to Government.

Mr. P. A. Kasim: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 21-2-1120.

(*c*) The matter was investigated by the Additional Textiles Commissioner and a report submitted to Government.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The dealer's licence issued to the party was suspended for two weeks.

Control of Cloth.

65 **Mr. A. N. Sathyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to impose control on all kinds of cloth;

(*b*) whether any case has been detected of cloth being stored in private buildings and sold at exorbitant prices; and

(*c*) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the number of such cases and the localities of their occurrence?

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